GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1011
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Committee for Pulses
Sawaikar Shri Advocate Narendra Keshav

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up a committee to study and suggest ways to contain rising prices of pulses, if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Committee would also consider MSP and bonus being given to pulse growers and if so, the details thereof; and
(c) the other measures being contemplated by the Government to encourage pulse cultivation in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a) : Government had set up a Committee on 'Incentivizing Pulses Production Through Minimum Support Price (MSP) and Related Policies' under the Chairmanship of Dr. Arvind Subramanian, Chief Economic Advisor, Department of Economic Affairs.

(b) : The Committee recommended inclusion of factor such as risk and externalities in determination of MSP as well for pulses and other commodities.

(c) : The other measures for enhancing domestic production of pulses include enhancing productivity and crop area under pulses through various schemes and promoting Research & Development for evolving better varieties.

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